

Minutes
Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
August 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Johnston Recreation Center

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board, staff, and visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Andre Burke. In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, and Andre Burke, and staff members Joe Potts, Jennifer Vale, Lonna Converso, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

Commissioner Olson notified the Board in advance of her expected absence.

Recognition of Visitors

The Board welcomed to the meeting staff member Rebecca Defrancesco Roche and her family: Andrea Wilford, Isabella Roche, and Roseann Defrancesco – all of whom were present in honor Rebecca’s 15-year anniversary of working at the Bloomington Park District (BPD).

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to move up on the agenda Item 8A. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

Aye:	Puccio, Marshall, Burke
Nay:	None
Absent:	Olson

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

15-Year BPD Anniversary of Rebecca Defrancesco Roche

The Board and staff thanked Rebecca Defrancesco Roche for her 15 years of full-time service to the Park District. Rebecca has worked in some capacity for the Park District since she was in high school. Once she graduated from college, she was hired as a recreation supervisor and has handled Preschool, B-Fit, fitness classes, the Museum, Busy Bees and special events. Through her hard work and dedication, she has developed a reputation for being a total professional, a pleasure to work with, calm under pressure, and capable.

(Staff members Sandy Vangundy and Mark Goode arrived to the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Rebecca Defrancesco and family left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.)

At this point, the Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of July 18, 2022, as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

Aye:	Marshall, Puccio, Burke
Nay:	None
Absent:	Olson

Staff Reports

The Board had questions concerning field lighting and the associated costs, needs, and trends in switching to LED; thanked Mark Goode for seeking a reputable vendor to service the cell phone signal repeater system; and congratulated Lonna Converso for creativity in seeking sponsorships for the Foundation.

New Business

Oath of Office – Appointment of Frank Saverino, Jr.

Frank Saverino, Jr. was sworn in as Park Board Commissioner by President Burke. Commissioner Saverino succeeds Commissioner Mike Vogl, who retired early – July 31, 2022 – from his six-year term on the Bloomingdale Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to accept the appointment of Frank Saverino, Jr. as Park Commissioner. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0 with President Burke abstaining.

Aye:	Puccio, Marshall, Olson
Nay:	None
Absent:	None

Approval of Resolution No. 2022-07: Character Counts!

This proclamation proclaims Tuesday, October 4, 2022, as Character Counts! Day in Bloomingdale and strongly encourages citizens to incorporate the six pillars of character into their everyday lives and congratulates the winners of the 2022 American Youth Character Awards.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve Resolution No. 2022-07: Character Counts! Proclamation. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye:	Marshall, Puccio, Saverino, Burke
Nay:	None
Absent:	Olson

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board, Continued

Strategic Plan Update

Staff updated the Board on the status of the District's strategic plan including completed projects, incomplete project recommendations, and a facility assessment. Another plan will be done following the community survey. A needs assessment is budgeted for this fiscal year and a strategic plan is budgeted for next year.

Stratford Park Project Update

Staff relayed to the Board that the District received official notification through the Illinois Department of Natural Resource's grant portal that the Park District has been awarded a \$250,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant for Stratford Park but is awaiting a notice to proceed. Grantees have two years in which to complete projects.

Discussion of New OSLAD Grant Opportunities

A new round of OSLAD grants have become available and staff recommends moving ahead with a proposal. A discussion was held on park sites in need of attention. It was the consensus to make Leslie Park a priority. The grant application deadline is September 30, 2022. Staff will meet with Wight & Co. soon.

Additional Items for the Board

Character Counts Nominations from Park District

The Board encouraged the staff to nominate others who are worthy for the Character Counts! award next year. This year, the Park District's nominee, Bryen Travis, received an award.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Saverino, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to accept the Financial Reports dated July 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Saverino, Puccio, Marshall, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: Olson

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to approve the Directive to Pay dated August 15, 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Marshall, Saverino, Puccio, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: Olson

Executive Session

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to enter into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Puccio, Marshall, Saverino, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: Olson

Rise from Executive Session

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to rise from Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Puccio, Marshall, Saverino, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: Olson

Regular Meeting, Resumed

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called back into session by President Burke at 8:35 p.m.

Roll Call

In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, Frank Saverino, and Andre Burke and staff members Sandy Vangundy, Mesha Hadzic, Jennifer Vale, Lonna Converso, Mark Goode, Jackie Tithof Steere, and Joe Potts.

The Executive Session was conducted to discuss real estate (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(5)).

Adjournment

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye:	Marshall, Saverino, Puccio, Burke
Nay:	None
Absent:	Olson

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary